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# NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION

**HCA Solicitation #2022HCA18**

**SOLICITATION TITLE: Washington State Peer Specialist Network**

**SOLICITATION BUDGET: $500,000**

**SOLICITATION POSTING DATE: May 9, 2022**

**RESPONSE DUE DATE: June 3, 2022**

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**Estimated Schedule of Procurement Activities**

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| HCA Release of Request for Applications | May 9, 2022 |
| Questions Due from Applicants | May 16, 2022 - 12:00 p.m. |
| HCA Posts Answers to Applicant(s) Questions | May 23, 2022 |
| Complaint Deadline | May 25, 2022 - 12:00 p.m. |
| Application(s) Due Date | June 3, 2022 - 12:00 p.m. |
| Evaluate Applications | June 6-15, 2022 |
| Announce the Apparent Successful Applicant &  Notify Unsuccessful Applicants | June 17, 2022 |
| Applicant Request for Debrief Due Date | June 22, 2022 |
| Hold Debrief Conferences via conference call (if needed) | June 22-24, 2022 |
| Due Date of Viable Draft Statement of Work from ASA | July 1, 2022 |
| Estimated Contract Start Date | July 15, 2022 |

**Background and Purpose**

The Washington State Health Care Authority, hereafter called “HCA”, was directed in the Washington State Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill, Section 215, to establish a Washington State Peer Specialist Network program for individuals employed as Peer Specialists. The Washington State Peer Support Program began in 2005 with an initial focus on mental health and in 2019 added Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Over the years the program has grown with many agencies utilizing Peer Support Services in a variety of Behavioral Health programs. Because this work has proved so successful at promoting wellness and recovery, the number of employed Peer Specialists has increased exponentially to meet the needs in all regions of the State.

HCA is initiating this Request for Applications (RFA) to solicit Applications from Peer Run Organizations interested in leading the development and implementation of this new Peer Specialist Network. The resulting program must provide safe, confidential, support programs for all Behavioral Health Peer Specialists throughout the state of Washington, both in-person and virtually. The services provided will offer assistance and resources via a network of Peer Specialist contacts and meetings to address continuing education, training, and skill building, employment, and employment retention, and must also include support groups and recovery support tailored to Peer Specialists’, to address the secondary trauma inherent in peer work. The support and networking provided must be provided by Peer Specialists for Peer Specialists. The awarded Applicant must demonstrate their understanding of, and experience with, each Peer Specialist role identified herein, including the differences and similarities across different regions and with diverse populations, best practices, as well as the ability of the Applicant to support each unique role.

**Project Objectives**

HCA seeks a qualified Peer Run Organization to establish a statewide network of Peer Support Services for individuals employed as Peer Specialists within Washington State. This Peer Specialist Network is intended to increase employment retention, promote wellness, and provide skill building opportunities through the establishment of a comprehensive and confidential support system operated by Peer Specialists, for Peer Specialists throughout Washington State.

The Awarded Contractor will establish a viable and comprehensive network of Peer Specialists who will both participate in and provide Peer Support Services within three (3) months of Contract execution. Implementation must include statewide marketing and outreach to engage Peer Specialist participation. Once established, the Peer Specialist Network will provide assistance and resources through a wide range of activities to address continuing education, training and skill building, employment, and employment retention. This must also include support groups, recovery support, and should be tailored to address the specific needs inherent to Peer Specialists’, their Lived Experience, and the secondary trauma inherent in peer work. Qualified Applicants will demonstrate their ability to provide a confidential, safe-space environment, conducive for the effective engagement of all Peer Specialists as employed in various Peer Specialist Roles, settings, and communities.

Most if not all components of the Washington State Peer Specialist Network will be made available virtually with a marketing and outreach plan to promote the new Peer Specialist Network which incorporates social media, hard-copy, and word of mouth marketing strategies.

**Minimum Qualifications**

1. Licensed to do business in the state of Washington.
2. Must be a **Peer Run Organization** with main offices located in Washington State.

* **Peer Run Organization** - a program or organization in which a majority of the individuals who oversee the organization's operation, and are in positions of control, have provided Peer Support Services as defined herein.

1. A minimum of three (3) years’ experience providing **Peer Support Services** as an organization.

* **Peer Support Services** - services provided by Peer Specialists that promote recovery, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and connection to resources.

**Solicitation Coordinator**

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**WEBS Commodity Codes**:

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| 948-07 | Administration Services, Health |
| 948-48 | Health Care Services (Not Otherwise Classified) |
| 948-76 | Psychologists/Psychological and Psychiatric Services (Including Behavioral Management Services) |
| 948-92 | Vaccination Program Services |
| 952-05 | Alcohol and Drug Detoxification (Incl. Rehabilitation) |
| 952-06 | Alcohol and Drug Prevention |
| 952-07 | Alcohol and Drug Testing Services |
| 952-15 | Case Management |
| 952-22 | Community Service Campaigns (Anti-Litter Programs, etc.) |
| 952-20 | Correctional |
| 952-58 | Human Resources Development Services |
| 952-59 | Human Services (Not Otherwise Classified) |
| 952-76 | Respite Care |
| 952-78 | Safe Housing |
| 952-85 | Support Services |
| 948-87 | Telemedical Professional Services |
| 948-86 | Therapy and Rehabilitation Services |
| 952-92 | Transitional Living |
| 952-93 | Try-out Employment |
| 952-21 | Counseling |
| 952-95 | Youth Care Services |
| 958-56 | Health Care Management Services (Including Managed Care Services) |
| 958-58 | Hospital Management Services |
| 958-67 | Mental Health/Retardation Management Services |
| 958-68 | Support Services, Management |

Submit any questions or concerns regarding this solicitation to the Solicitation Coordinator shown above.